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Attachments: Final_Cat Canyon_Public Hearing Notice.pdf

Office of Congressman Salud Carbajal

Dear Colleagues:

I wanted to let you know that U.S. EPA will be present at the State's upcoming June 5, 2019 Cat Canyon aquifer exemption hearing in Santa Maria, CA. My Water Division colleague, David Albright, will be there to engage informally with interested stakeholders regarding the aquifer exemption (AE) process and EPA's role in this process.

I have also attached the State's Cat Canyon Oil Field Aquifer Exemption Notice of Public Hearing and Comment Period. A brief description follows.

The California Department of Conservation, Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources, with the preliminary concurrence of the State Water Resources Control Board, is considering a proposal to exempt the oil-bearing portions of the Sisquoc and Monterey Formations in the Cat Canyon Oil Field, located in Santa Barbara County near the town of Orcutt, CA. Subject to approval by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the proposed aquifer exemption would allow the State, in compliance with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, to approve Class II injection into the identified area either for enhanced oil recovery or for injection disposal of fluids associated with oil and gas production. The public comment period begins today, and closes at 5 pm on June 20, 2019. A public comment hearing has been scheduled for June 5, 2019 from 4pm – 7pm in the city of Santa Maria CA.

For additional information about the aquifer exemption proposal, the public comment hearing, and how submit public comments, please see the attached notice.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Regards,

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